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Dear Sir:

This Status Request is being submitted because we have not received a Notice of Allowance on the above-referenced patent application. Specifically, PAIR indicates a Notice of Allowability was entered on May 13, 2005. However, no Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was entered into the PAIR system, nor received by Applicant.

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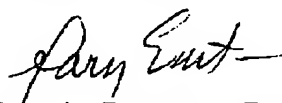
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Applicant respectfully requests clarification as to the status of this Application.  
The undersigned has telephoned the Examiner Attorney, however due to his FMLA  
absence, further contact is being made through this formal Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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